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study of an interior province which, in its great resources and enormous population, is one of the most conspicuous parts of China. The author has every faith in the further development of the Chinese along the lines of their own high civilisation, as stimulated by Western ideas and methods.

The first part of the book deals with the journey up the Yangtse through the wonderful valley country and of the beauties of the mountain region beyond Ichang. Then, the Western or Alpine region of the Szechuen province is described with its resources and its aboriginal races whom the Chinese drove out of the fertile eastern plains. A long section is given to Chinese civilisation—the family, the social divisions, general culture, arts, industry, etc.—and the author endeavours to describe the mental and spiritual characteristics of the Chinese. The book concludes with a careful account of the races of Szechuen and gives many details of the natural wealth of that favoured region which justify the author's conviction that this part of China is capable of the highest material development. This is one of the best recent books on China.

History of Michigan. By Lawton T. Hemans. 278 pp., Illustrations and Index. Hammond Publishing Company. Lansing, Mich., 1906.

About five pages are given to a description of the geography of the State. It is impossible, of course, to compress into this brief compass the essential geographical facts and a statement of their influence in shaping the industrial and general development of the State. With this inadequacy remedied, the book would seem to be admirably adapted for imparting to students the groundwork of a thorough knowledge of the history of Michigan and the principles of its government.

Wisa Handbook. By A. C. Madan. 136 pp., including an English-Wisa Vocabulary. Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1906. (Price, 3s.)

This little book is an introduction to the Wisa dialect of north-east Rhodesia, a part of the country west of Lake Nyassa, in which British economic enterprises have not yet developed on a large scale. The book shows the strong family likeness of the Wisa to the other Bantu dialects. It makes clear the peculiarities of this dialect and thus smooths the way for its further study. It has recently been found that the country through which the Cape to Cairo Railroad has been pushed to Broken Hill is inhabited by natives speaking a language hardly distinguishable from Wisa, so that Mr. Madan's hand-book will have a wider range than was at first expected. A well-arranged grammar forms Part 1 and the vocabulary is Part 2. Mr. Madan's contributions to the knowledge of African languages are entitled to the highest appreciation.

Hawaii, Ostmikronesien und Samoa. Von Prof. Dr. Augustin Krämer. x and 585 pp., 86 half-tone Illustrations, many Tables and Figures, and Index. Strecker & Schröder, Stuttgart, 1906. (Price, M. 20.)

No higher praise could be given to this book than to say that it is worthy of the fine style in which the publishers have produced it. Type, paper, and illustrations are unexceptionable. Dr. Krämer is a surgeon in the German marine service, and before he made the first of his long journeys through Polynesia he prepared himself at Kiel by zoological, geological, and other scientific studies to render good service as a scientific observer. He is already well

known by his book on the coral reefs and the distribution of plankton along the coasts of Samoa, by other writings on the Samoa islands, and by ethnographical studies in the Marshall archipelago. The present volume is a description of his second long sojourn in the Pacific, when he was engaged from 1897 to 1899 in the study of the atolls and their inhabitants. His travels embraced Hawaii, Samoa, the Marshall, Gilbert, New Caledonia, and Fiji Islands, and his book includes his later observations, generalisations on his ethnographical studies, and the results of his investigation of coral reefs and plankton. Many of his original photographs are especially striking and characteristic.

Anleitung zu wissenschaftlichen Beobachtungen auf Reisen.

Von Prof. Dr. G. Von Neumayer. Two Volumes, Third Edition.

Dr. Max Jänecke, Hannover, 1906. (Price, Vol. 1, M. 25; Vol. 2, M. 24.)

The third edition of this complete and exhaustive work comprises about 1,600 pages. It includes all the latest methods and discoveries with which the explorer in his field work should be familiar; and though the work is bulky and heavy, the traveller who is acquainted with German will doubtless feel that this disadvantage is compensated by the completeness and the scientific quality of the information given. With this work and the "Hints to Travellers," published by the Royal Geographical Society, no traveller can feel that he lacks literary helps in the prosecution of his work. Among the exhaustive articles in these volumes are "Photography as an Aid to Land Surveying," by Prof. S. Finsterwalder; "Magnetic Observations on Land," by Dr. von Neumayer and Dr. J. Edler; notes on "Magnetic Observations on Board Ship," by Dr. Friedrich Bidlingmaier; Dr. Drude on botanical geography; Dr. Schweinfurth on the collection and preservation of plants; and many others. The late Baron von Richthofen, who wrote the long article on geology for the first edition, revised and added to it for the present issue, and his work is of special interest because it contains his final writings on this subject. The entire work undoubtedly cost an enormous amount of labour and the most painstaking care, and Dr. von Neumayer, who is now in his eightieth year, is to be congratulated upon the admirable result of his thorough supervision of these very useful volumes.

Geographisches Jahrbuch. XXIX Band, (Erste Hälfte), 1906.

Herausgegeben von Dr. Hermann Wagner. 238 pp. Justus

Perthes, Gotha, 1906. (Price, M. 7.50.)

This part of the Jahrbuch is given entirely to current geographical literature and cartography¹ of Europe. The notes by Prof. Dr. Th. Fischer on the south European lands (Iberian peninsula, Italy, and the southeast European peninsula) include 256 titles; France, by Prof. Dr. P. Camena d'Almeida, 322 titles; Switzerland, by Prof. Dr. J. Früh, 180 titles; Austria-Hungary (including Bosnia and Herzegovina) by Dr. F. R. Machacek, 529 titles; Rumania, by Prof. Dr. E. de Martonne, 83 titles; Germany, by Dr. O. Schlüter, 530 titles; Great Britain and Ireland, by O. J. R. Howarth, 67 titles; European Russia (including the Caucasus and Russian Armenia) 1894-1905, by Prof. Dr. M. Friederichsen, 488 titles; Denmark, by Prof. Dr. E. Löffler, 61 titles; The Netherlands, by Dr. H. Blink, 29 titles; Belgium, by Prof. F. van Ortroy, 172 titles. Sweden and Norway do not appear in this list. The second half of the volume will be issued during the winter.